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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS
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1. CONVENE, ROOM 7000, INTERIOR DEPARTMENT BUILDING

A regular monthly meeting of the Commission of Fine Arts was held in its office in the Interior Department Building on 22 June 1965. The members met, pursuant to notice, in executive session at 10:15 a.m. with William Walton, Chairman, presiding.

Present were: William Walton
Gordon Bunshaft
Burnham Kelly
Theodore Roszak
Aline Saarinen
Hideo Sasaki
John Carl Warnecke

Staff: C.H. Atherton, Secretary
Paul Richard, Admin. Asst.
Nancy Coyne, Leg. Asst.
Myra Younker, Editor

NCPC: Donald Bozarth

Recorders: Marion Dennis, a.m.
Alice Chiang, p.m.

II. ADMINISTRATION

1. The Commission decided to hold its next meeting on 14-15 September 1965.

2. The minutes of the 26 May 1965 meeting were approved as written.

3. Poster Displays in Public Space, Policy for Review

The Secretary presented a poster submitted by the Restaurant Beversage Association of Washington, D.C., for display in a public kiosk. Disapproving the poster, the members then discussed the purpose of and standards for displays in public kiosks. They determined that displays should exhibit information concerning cultural, educational, and civic events. The primary purpose for the display should be to serve as a directory of events and places of interest. The principle standard for design of posters would be that they must have artistic merit and serve as a guide to tourists and residents of the city.

III. REVIEWS-SUBMISSIONS

1. Department of the Army

Fort Myer, North Post - Revised Master Plan Design

Mr. Richard presented the general site plan prepared by Elkan W. Groll & Associates, Keyes-Lethbridge and Condon, and Leon H. Zach, architects and planners, for the development of Fort Myer, North Post. He commented that the plan submitted during the March meeting of the Commission had been disapproved because it showed no consideration of Arlington National Cemetery, adjacent to Fort Myer, and did not have a strong, clearly stated three-dimensional architectural massing.

The members discussed the revised plans and were pleased with progress made. They noted that all proposed construction would be at least 380 feet from the Cemetery wall. A green walkway was planned along the wall. They agreed that the overall plan was acceptable, in general, but that final approval could not be given until detailed site plans for each area and designs for the various buildings were reviewed.

Final action was withheld until a conference with officials of the Department of the Army and with the architects in the afternoon.

2. General Services Administration, Public Buildings Service

a. National Fisheries Center and Aquarium, Informal Review of Preliminary Plans

The Secretary stated that preliminary plans prepared by Welton Becket and Associates, architects for the Aquarium, would be presented by officials of General Services Administration, Public Buildings Service, and explained by the architects on the following day. He remarked that the officials of General Services and the architects had requested that they attend the meeting during the discussion of the plans.

b. National Institutes of Health, Refrigeration Building - Revised Site Location and Design

Mr. Richard presented a master plan, proposed site plan, photographs, and elevation drawings developed by H.D. Nottingham & Associates, Inc., engineers - architects, for the Refrigeration Building No. 34, National Institutes of Health. He stated that the site had been changed to a parking lot of Laboratory Building #29 near the service area thus eliminating the 1800 feet of 42 inch Mains. This site had been recommended by the Commission during the March meeting. Although the rendering seemed to depict the upper portion of glass, it would be constructed of concrete with brick for the base. The members commented that the building should be designed as a simple brick volume. They were glad their recommendation for another site had been accepted.

Final action was withheld until a conference with officials of General Services Administration and National Institutes of Health, and the architect on the following day.

c. National Science Foundation Building - Addition of New Wing

The Secretary presented parking diagrams, and two schemes prepared by August Perez and Associates, architects, for an addition to the rear of the National Science Foundation Building, Constitution Avenue at 19th Street, N.W. The addition would repeat the facade in design and material, white marble, of the existing building designed by J. H. De Sibour in 1933. The difference in the two schemes was in length - scheme B was 14 feet longer. The members thought that the continuation of the original design was an appropriate solution for the addition. They recommended the shorter extension which maintained the building line established by the Federal Reserve Bank Building to the west.

Final action was withheld until a conference with officials of General Services Administration and the architect on the following day.

3. Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Commission

Bus Stop Markers, Proposed Design for Demonstration Areas

The Secretary presented a full-scale model of a Bus Stop Marker submitted by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Commission. For demonstration purposes a marker would be erected in every square of proposed routes, Massachusetts Avenue being one selected. A pictogram of a bus with the name of the street intersection was at the top followed by two columns of three 6x2 inch panels containing route numbers of buses using the stop special information, time-tables, and a route or line diagram. Constructed of weather-proofed material, all panels were separately replaceable and interchangeable.

The members commented that the model was too large and high, the information too confusing, and the total design inappropriate for the Nation's Capital.

Final action was withheld until a conference with officials of the Transit Commission and the designers on the following day.

4. District of Columbia Government

a. Department of Highways and Traffic

(1) Signs for Traffic Division

The Secretary presented a full-scale parking regulation sign submitted by the Department of Highways and Traffic and remarked that

Mr. Daniel H. Hansen, the new Director of Traffic for the city, was studying ways of eliminating the clutter of traffic signs throughout the area. The members recognized the need to channel the efforts and interests of chiefs of Departments and Agencies responsible for signs into one study, if standards for signs are to be established and the quality of designs improved. The members again stressed, as they had during the May meeting that the problem was not solely of signs but one of street furniture which includes all signs, waste baskets, street lights, flag poles, fire alarm boxes, etc. Arranging a conference of all chiefs of Departments and Agencies having a responsibility either in design, siting or care of street-furniture, the Commission of Fine Arts could initiate the study which would be a design project under the Commission's sponsorship.

The sign submitted was not approved. The members were in agreement that their method of approach to this problem, as discussed, was appropriate and would lead to a successful solution.

(2) Southeast Freeway, Interchange C - Revised Design

Mr. Richard presented drawings prepared by Richardson, Gordon and Associates, and Harbeson, Hough, Livingston & Larson, consulting engineers and architects, for the Southeast Freeway, Interchange C. He explained that the design had been simplified, as requested by the Commission during the May meeting. The drawings of the previously submitted design were available for comparison. The Commission's request that designs of adjoining freeways be submitted so that the members could judge this design on a basis of continuity was not met, neither was the request for the design of and material for retaining walls.

Final action was withheld until a conference with officials of the Department of Highways and Traffic and with the engineers and architects on the following day.

(3) Ninth Street Expressway - Revised Lighting Design

Mr. Richard reviewed the status of the Ninth Street Expressway - Revised Lighting Design. He commented that during the May meeting of the Commission, the members had stated the lighting conditions in the interior of the tunnel should differ from the conditions at the entrances where natural light is available and that the fluorescent tubes, alone both sides of the tunnel should be a continuous strip of lighting. Further discussion and final action was withheld until a conference with officials of the Department of Highways and Traffic on the following day. More material would be available at that time.

(4) Connecticut Avenue Bridge - Renovation of Lions

The Secretary presented photographs showing the work undertaken in the renovation of the statues of lions on the Connecticut

Avenue Bridge. He reported the progress thus far and the work still to be done. The sculptor, selected by the Department of Highways and Traffic, was using material he bought in Sweden which blends with that of the original work done in 1907.

b. Department of Buildings and Grounds

National Zoological Park, Animal Hospital and Service Area, Preliminary Design

The Secretary presented site plan and model prepared by Mariani and Associates, architects and engineers, and Innocenti and Webel, landscape architects, for the National Zoological Park, Animal Hospital and Service Area. A photograph of the Holt Mansion, listed as a Landmarks of the National Capital, was presented for discussion of possible use as a residence for the Director.

The members commented that a master plan for the entire Zoo showing building sites and parking areas should be reviewed. Work on such a master plan is currently underway. A detailed master plan for the entire Zoo should be submitted whenever individual projects are presented. The siting for the Animal Hospital and Service Area was questioned by the members who thought the isolated area inappropriate for these specific projects. The retention of the Holt Mansion was discussed. Its quality was questioned as well as its possible use as a residence for the Director.

Final action was withheld until a conference with officials of the Department of Buildings and Grounds and the National Zoological Park.

c. Department of Licenses and Inspections

(1) Shipstead-Luce Act

(a) 420 3rd Street, N.W., Proposed Apartment Building - Revised Design

Mr. Richard reported the request of Julian Berla, architect for the Apartment House between 3rd and 4th Streets, N.W., that he be permitted to have the parking court on 3rd Street rather than as previously planned and disapproved for 4th Street facing Judiciary Square. The members approved this revised design which would have a continuous wall along Judiciary Square as they had previously recommended.

The Secretary prepared a letter for the Chairman's signature to the Assistant Superintendent of Licenses and Permits, District of Columbia Government, expressing the members approval. EXHIBIT A

(b) Bell Telephone Company Exchange, Sq. 641, E and South Capitol Streets, S.W.

The Secretary presented a rendering submitted by Chatelain, Gauger and Nolan, architects and engineers, for the Bell Telephone Exchange building, E and South Capitol Streets, S.W. The members thought the site, a small triangle between an elevated railroad bridge and elevated freeway, inappropriate and the size of the building too large for the area. To be constructed of limestone, the building would have vertical panels of grey glass windows with aluminum spandrels. The design was never submitted to the Commission in its preliminary stage due to a misunderstanding on the part of officials of the Redevelopment Land Agency and the Telephone Company.

The members could not formally review the site or design since plans were not submitted in the preliminary stage and the building was now under construction. They commented that projects must be submitted in proper sequence and timing to obtain the Commission's advice on and approval of site plans and designs.

The Secretary prepared a letter for the Chairman's signature to the Department of Licenses and Inspections of the District of Columbia Government expressing the Commission's position in not taking action on the plans.

EXHIBIT B

(c) Watergate Development, Stage 3

The Secretary presented elevation drawings, and ground and roof plans prepared by Luigi Moretti, architect of Italy, and Corning, Moore, Elmore and Fischer, architectural firm representing the architect, for Stage 3 of the Watergate Development. The members felt that the building height should be lowered. They thought that the architect should prepare a height check from water level at high tide to the top of the building and present it during the September meeting.

After reviewing the site, the members continued the discussion. They decided to approve this last building and to inform the Watergate Development that before the design of the remaining building is started, the Commission would like to discuss it with them.

A report of the members' views and request was forwarded to the Department of Licenses and Inspections, District of Columbia Government.

(d) Office Building, 500 North Capitol Street, N.W. (Added to the Order of Business)

The Secretary presented a sample of quartz aggregate submitted by Alan J. Lockman and Associates, architects, for the exterior

walls of the Office Building at 600 North Capitol. The members disapproved the material submitted, requesting a darker material.

A report of the Commission's disapproval was forwarded to the Department of Licenses and Inspections, District of Columbia Government.

(e) Building Applications, Appendix 1

The Commission approved the actions proposed by the staff on Shipstead-Luce Applications listed on Appendix 1.

(2) Old Georgetown Act

(a) Georgetown University Hospital

The Secretary presented a model and site plan prepared by Mariani and Associates, architects, and Elberle and Company, consultants, for Georgetown University Hospital. The master plan had been revised at the request of the Commission made during the March meeting. Underground parking on several levels was planned in front of the old medical/dental school building using the terraced hill in front of the old medical/dental school building which would be retained. The intensive care building formerly planned as a separate unit was now an additional wing to the existing hospital complex. The members felt that the revised master plan was a step in the right direction. However, the circulation pattern was not clearly defined and required further study.

Final action was withheld until a conference with officials of Georgetown University and the architects on the following day.

(b) 1075 Thomas Jefferson Street, N.W. - Motel

The Secretary presented elevation drawings, floor and plot plans prepared by Sheridan Behm and Associates, architects, for a Motel at 1075 Thomas Jefferson Street, N.W. The members felt that the design was poorly proportioned and that the fenestration should be the same on all sides. They disapproved the design and requested that it be resubmitted.

A report of the Commission's disapproval was forwarded to the Department of Licenses and Inspections, District of Columbia Government.

(c) Building Applications, Appendix 2

There were no objections to the actions taken on the Old Georgetown Application listed on Appendix 2.

IV. INTERVIEWS (AFTERNOON SESSION)

1. Department of the Army

Fort Myer, North Post - Revised Master Plan Design

Colonel Hottenroth and Mr. Webb, representing the Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army, Mr. David Condon and Mr. Leon H. Zach, architects, attended the meeting during the discussion of this project. Mr. Zach explained in detail the revised plan stressing the changes made according to the recommendations of the Commission during the March meeting.

At the request of Chairman Walton Mr. Sasaki lead the discussion of the revised plan commenting on the improvement made by relocating the buildings away from the Cemetery. He suggested that Enlisted Mens Service Club be turned 90° thus providing a generous green quadrangle in the midst of the barracks complex.

Mr. Webel remarked that the number of parking spaces planned was deficient since these were also used by people working at Fort Myer. Mr. Condon explained the revised site plan for the family housing units which would be 2 story row houses placed in clusters around parking courts.

Mr. Sasaki stressed the need for trees to provide a screen between the parking courts and family housing units. He suggested that the courts be sunken areas surrounded by trees. Extensive landscaping of all parking areas was needed.

Mr. Bunshaft expressing the members' views urged that detailed plans for each unit, parking area, and landscape plans be submitted to the Commission for review.

The Commission approved the site plan in general and recommended that the suggestions made during the meeting, as stated above, be considered in the continued development of the overall plan.

The Secretary prepared a letter for the Chairman's signature to the Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers, expressing the members' approval, in general, of the site plan and stating their suggestions. EXHIBIT C

2. District of Columbia Government, Department of Highways and Traffic

Study of Signs and Street Furniture for Traffic Division

This project was cancelled until more information is available for review and study.

3. National Capital Transportation Agency

Introduction of Mr. Walter McCarter, Administrator, National Capital Transportation Agency - Discussion of Design Policy

Mr. Reynolds of the National Capital Transportation Agency introduced Mr. Walter McCarter, newly appointed Administrator of the Agency. In his introductory remarks, Mr. Reynolds commented on the need of the Agency for architectural/engineering consultants to prepare a transportation program worthy of the Nation's Capital.

Mr. McCarter expressed his desire that the proposed subway evidence the best possible design. To accomplish this effectively, he proposes to enlist expert consultants to supplement the Agency's professional staff. Design standards would be developed for the entire system and procedures for controlling its construction established.

Chairman Walton responded by offering the Commission's assistance, when requested, in this vitally important program. He commented that a team composed of a superior architect, engineer, and industrial designer, having a mutual understanding of the problem and cooperating with each other in an exchange of ideas should be able to produce a program worthy of the nation's capital. He stressed that a well organized and developed program could become a guide for other areas in the Nation.

Mr. Kelly mentioned the interchange of bus and subway as an important section in the final design.

Chairman Walton expressed the members' appreciation to Mr. McCarter and Mr. Reynolds for attending the meeting.

IV. LEGISLATION

Miss Coyne presented the following legislation for discussion and necessary action by the Commission.

1. Draft Legislation - To authorize the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to lease air space above and below freeway rights-of-way within the District of Columbia, and for other purposes. EXHIBIT D

The Commission of Fine Arts is generally in favor of this legislation and recommended that before enactment into law it should be amended to insure that review and approval by the National Capital Planning Commission and the Commission of Fine Arts are required.

The Secretary prepared a letter for the Chairman's signature to the Honorable Charles L. Schultze, Director, Bureau of the Budget, expressing the members' views. EXHIBIT E

2. H.R. 734 - To amend the joint resolution of September 15, 1960, with repsect to the use of certain park roads, highways, and vehicular facilities by those carriers of passengers by motor vehicles which are

certificated by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Commission. EXHIBIT F

The Commission of Fine Arts is opposed to this bill which would permit the use of park roads and highways such as Rock Creek Parkway and George Washington Memorial Parkway by motor vehicles carrying passengers which are certificated by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Commission.

The Secretary prepared a letter for the Chairman's signature to the Honorable Emanuel Cellar, Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary, U. S. House of Representatives, expressing the members disapproval. EXHIBIT G

3. S.J. Res. 70-Providing for the erection of a memorial to the late Dr. Robert H. Goddard, the father of American rocketry. EXHIBIT H

The Commission of Fine Arts is generally in favor of this legislation.

The Secretary prepared a letter for the Chairman's signature to the Honorable B. Everett Jordan, Chairman, Committee on Rules and Administration, United States Senate, expressing the members views. EXHIBIT I

4. S. 1927-To Authorize the Secretary of the Interior to preserve as an area of historic interest certain strudures and lands comprising the Washington Navy Yard. EXHIBIT J

The Commission of Fine Arts is in favor of the general purposes of this bill and recommended its enactment into law.

The Secretary prepared a letter for the Chairman's signature to the Honorable Richard B. Russell, Chairman, Committee on Armed Services, United States Senate, expressing the members' approval. EXHIBIT K

5. H.J.Res. 496-Extending for one year the existing authority for the erection of a memorial to Mary McLeod Bethune. EXHIBIT L

The Commission of Fine Arts is in favor of this bill and recommended its enactment into law.

The Secretary prepared a letter for the Chairman's signature to the Honorable Omar Burleson, Chairman, Committee on House Administration, U.S. House of Representatives, expressing the members' approval. EXHIBIT M

The meeting recessed at 4:43 p.m. until the following morning at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. Atherton
Secretary

30 June 1965

Dear Mr. Green:

At its regular meeting on June 23, the Commission of Fine Arts considered a revised design for an apartment building to be constructed at 420 3rd Street, N.W.

The members had no objection to the scheme which provides vehicular entrances along the 3rd Street elevation. It is essential, however, that an unbroken facade be maintained along 4th Street facing Judiciary Square.

The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for 14-15 September and we would be glad to review any new material at that time.

For the Commission of Fine Arts:

Sincerely yours,

William Walton
Chairman

Mr. J. P. Green
Assistant Superintendent of
Licenses and Permits
District Building
Washington, D.C. 20004

30 June 1965

Dear Mr. Green:

At its regular meeting on June 23, the Commission of Fine Arts was asked to consider plans for a new Bell Telephone Company Exchange, E Street and South Capitol Street, S.W.

The members strongly criticized the proposed design, noting particularly the awkward relationship of the building to its site.

During the discussion, however, the Commission was informed that the building was already under construction. The submission consisted not of proposals but rather of a description of a building essentially fixed in its final form. The Commission consequently declined to formally review the design.

Had the plans been submitted under normal procedures, they would most likely have been disapproved.

For the Commission of Fine Arts:

Sincerely yours,

William Walton
Chairman

Mr. J. P. Green
Assistant Superintendent of
Licenses and Permits
District Building
Washington, D.C. 20004

EXHIBIT B

30 June 1965

Dear Colonel Proctor:

At its regular meeting on June 23, the Commission of Fine Arts generally approved a revised master plan for Fort Myer, Virginia.

The new master plan incorporated a number of revisions which, in the opinion of the members, seemed to solve the major organizational and design problems of the plan previously submitted. These included the provision of a buffer strip between the Fort's buildings and the grounds of Arlington National Cemetery, the reorganization of the Non-Commissioned Officers' Family Housing complex, and the general re-siting of proposed construction.

In generally approving the master plan, the members offered a number of suggestions which they felt would further improve the overall design:

. The Enlisted Men's Service Club should be turned 90 degrees thus establishing a larger enclosed green quadrangle in the midst of the barracks complex.

. The sunken parking courts of the NCO Family Housing units should be framed with trees to provide a visual screen between the parkinglots and the rear of the dwelling units.

. The organization of the parking lots adjacent to the high rise units should be restudied. The use of extensive landscaping, and perhaps terracing, should be considered to provide the most amenable view from the high rise apartment buildings.

. The large parking lot along the Cemetery wall should be treated with additional landscaping and possibly a series of earth mounds to effectively screen the parking lots from the Fort's buildings and from the grounds of the Cemetery.

For the Commission of Fine Arts:

Sincerely yours,

William Walton
Chairman

Lt Colonel F.B. Proctor
District Engineer
U.S.Army Engineer District, Norfolk
Foot of Front Street
Norfolk, Virginia

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A BILL

To authorize the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to lease airspace above and below freeway rights-of-way within the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED, That this Act may be cited as the "District of Columbia Airspace Utilization Act."

Definitions

Sec. 2. When used in this Act -

"Airspace" means so much of the space above and below the ground surface within freeway rights-of-way as is not needed for freeway purposes.

"Commissioners" means the Commissioners of the District of Columbia.

"District" means the District of Columbia.

"Freeway" means (1) any limited access divided highway within the District and (2) any right-of-way within the District acquired by any governmental agency exclusively for the mass transportation of passengers, including stations, yards and parking areas appurtenant thereto.

EXHIBIT (D

"Right-of-way" means the entire land area used or acquired for freeway purposes including connecting ramps.

Sec. 3. The Commissioners are hereby authorized to -

(a) enter into contracts or agreements with the United States, or any agency thereof, relating to the use of airspace and for the purpose of receiving grants or other financial assistance under available Federal programs in connection with the construction, use, or operation of buildings, structures and other things therein.

(b) make such use of airspace in the District for any municipal purpose (other than freeway use), including, without limitation, park, recreational, public works and vehicle parking, as will not be detrimental to or impair the efficient use, operation, and maintenance of any freeway.

(c) enter into agreements with the United States or any agency or instrumentality thereof for the use of airspace by the United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities.

(d) enter into leases of or grant revocable permits for the use of airspace in the District including rights of or for support, access, utilities,

light and air to an extent not inconsistent with the use of a freeway by the general public for the purpose of travel, and, in connection with any such lease or permit, to impose such terms and conditions including, but not limited to, the deposit of bond or other security, and to provide for the payment of such rents or fees as the Commissioners may, in their discretion, determine to be necessary or desirable, but the Commissioners shall, in connection with entering into a lease for, or granting a permit for, the use of such airspace, provide as a condition of any such lease or permit that such space shall not be used by the lessee or permittee in such manner as to deprive any real property not owned by such lessee or permittee of its easements of light, air, and access.

Sec. 4. Such leases or revocable permits shall be entered into or granted by the Commissioners only after competitive bidding, unless the Commissioners find that in certain cases competitive bidding would not be in the best interests of the District of Columbia.

Sec. 5. For the purposes of this Act, buildings, structures, improvements, and other things erected

within the airspace pursuant to a lease or permit shall be deemed to be real property liable to taxation during the entire term or period of the lease or permit except that no such tax shall be assessed with respect to any airspace occupied exclusively by the United States or the District of Columbia. The leasehold interest in any airspace leased under this Act shall be subject to sale in cases of taxes in arrears in the same manner and to the same extent and under the same conditions as though the airspace were privately owned real property. For the purposes of this Act the provisions of law applicable to special assessments for public improvements, sanitary sewer service charges, and water or water service charges shall be applicable with respect to use of airspace pursuant to a lease or permit under this Act.

Sec. 6. Prior to the entry by the Commissioners into any agreement or lease or the issuance of any permit for the use of airspace by either a public body or a private party, the Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia shall, after public hearing, determine the uses to be permitted in such airspace and shall promulgate regulations pertaining to such

airspace, including, but not limited to, limitations and requirements respecting height and bulk of buildings, and off-street parking, which limitations and requirements need not be the same as those provided for properties not within airspace. The provisions of section 10 of the Act entitled "An Act Providing for the zoning of the District of Columbia and the regulation of the location, height, bulk,and uses of buildings and other structures and of the uses of land in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.", approved June 20, 1938 (§5-422, D.C. Code) shall be applicable to regulations made pursuant to this section and to violations of such regulations.

Sec. 7. Except as provided in section 6, laws and regulations now or hereafter in effect in the District and applicable to the construction, use and occupancy of buildings and premises, including, but not limited to, building, electrical, plumbing, housing, health and fire regulations, shall be applicable to buildings, structures and improvements erected in airspace under lease or agreement entered into or permit issued pursuant to this Act, except to the extent that the Commissioners by order or regulation make them inapplicable.

Sec. 8. (a) The Commissioners are authorized, after public hearing, to promulgate regulations to carry out the purposes of this Act.

(b) Any regulations adopted under the authority of this section may provide for the imposition of a fine of not more than $300 or imprisonment for not more than ninety days, or both such fine and imprisonment, for any violation of such regulations. Prosecutions for violations of regulations made pursuant to this section shall be conducted in the name of the District by the Corporation Counsel or any of his assistants.

Sec. 9. All collections, including rents and fees, received by the District pursuant to this Act shall be deposited in the Treasury of the United States in a trust fund which is hereby authorized and from which may be paid, in the same manner as is provided by law for other expenditures of the District, such expenditures as are necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act, including, without limitation, necessary expenses connected with the operation, maintenance and disposition of property coming into the possession of the

District by reason of default under leases entered into or permits issued pursuant to this Act. The unobligated balance in such fund as of June 30 of any year which exceeds $100,000 shall be deposited in the Treasury to the credit of such special funds or the general fund of the District in such proportions as the Commissioners shall, in their discretion, determine.

Sec. 10. Nothing in this Act shall be construed so as to affect the authority vested in the Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia by Reorganization Plan Numbered 5 of 1952 (66 Stat. 824). The performance of any function vested by this Act in the Board of Commissioners or in any office or agency under the jurisdiction and control of said Board of Commissioners may be delegated by the Board of Commissioners in accordance with section 3 of such plan.

Sec. 11. If any provision of this Act or of the regulations promulgated under the authority of this Act is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions either of this Act or of the said regulations which can be effected without the invalid provision, and to this end the provisions of this Act [illegible] said regulations are declared [illegible].

Sec. 12. Appropriations to carry out the purposes of this Act are hereby authorized.

WAR:maw
5-18-65
Corr. 169/89

8 July 1965

Dear Mr. Schultze:

I am writing in reply to your request for the views of the Commission of Fine Arts on a draft bill, submitted by the District of Columbia, "To authorize the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to lease airspace above and below freeway rights-of-way within the District of Columbia, and for other purposes."

The Commission of Fine Arts has always been concerned with maintaining the traditionally open, tree-lined character of the streets of the Nation's Capital, and in the past we have frequently opposed attempts to use the air rights over specific Washington streets. However, in order to prevent the increasing number of new freeways from arbitrarily dissecting Washington into highway-bound enclaves, we now feel there are many occasions where it might be appropriate and sometimes necessary to cover these depressed freeways with either buildings or open park spaces.

We are therefore in favor of some kind of general legislation which would authorize the leasing of airspace above freeway rights-of-way within the District of Columbia.

We note that the draft legislation also contains a provision for the leasing of airspace below freeway rights-of-way within the District of Columbia. We would like to make it very clear that the Commission of Fine Arts is opposed to the erection of any more elevated freeways than now exist in the city of Washington. While there may be specific instances where the airspace below existing elevated freeways might be appropriately utilized, we do not feel that authority to lease this space should be part of any general legislation.

Furthermore, we strongly recommend that each individual application for the use of airspace in the District of Columbia, as well as the designs of structures to be constructed in such public space, should be subject by law to the approval of both the Commission of Fine Arts and the National Capital Planning Commission.

For the Commission of Fine Arts:

Sincerely yours,

William Walton
Chairman

Honorable Charles L. Schultze
Director
Bureau of the Budget
Washington, D. C.

EXHIBIT E

89TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 734

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 4, 1965

Mr. BROYHILL of Virginia introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To amend the joint resolution of September 15, 1960, with respect to the use of certain park roads, highways, and vehicular facilities by those carriers of passengers by motor vehicles which are certificated by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Commission.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the second proviso in section 3 of the joint resolution entitled "Joint resolution granting the consent and approval of Congress for the States of Virginia and Maryland and the District of Columbia to enter into a compact related to the regulation of mass transit in the Washington, District of Columbia metropolitan area, and for other purposes", ap-

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proved September 15, 1960 (Public Law 86–794; D.C. Code, sec. 1–1412) is amended by inserting immediately before the colon at the end of such proviso a comma and the following: "except that the Secretary of the Interior and the Director of the National Park Service shall permit any carrier of passengers by motor vehicle holding a valid certificate of public convenience and necessity issued by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Commission under authority of the Washington metropolitan area transit regulation compact to use in carrying out transportation in accordance with such certificate, all of the park streets, highways, roads, parkways, bridges, and other vehicular facilities located within the Washington metropolitan area transit district as established in article I of title I of such compact which are within their jurisdiction and control, and shall not impose, directly or indirectly, any condition or restriction with respect to the area to be served, or the service to be performed, by such a carrier as a condition to such use".

THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS

ESTABLISHED BY CONGRESS MAY 17, 1910

WILLIAM WALTON, Chairman
GORDON BUNSHAFT — ALINE B. SAARINEN
BURNHAM KELLY — HIDEO SASAKI
THEODORE ROSZAK — JOHN CARL WARNECKE
CHARLES H. ATHERTON, Secretary

22 June 1965

INTERIOR DEPARTMENT BUILDING
WASHINGTON

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am writing in reply to your request for the views of the Commission of Fine Arts on H. R. 734, 89th Congress, a bill "To amend the joint resolution of September 15, 1960, with respect to the use of certain park roads, highways, and vehicular facilities by those carriers of passengers by motor vehicles which are certificated by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Commission."

The Commission of Fine Arts believes that the Secretary of the Interior and the Director of the National Park Service should continue to prohibit "the use of parkways and park roads in the National Capital Park Region by common carriers except in special cases."

Under no circumstances would this Commission approve of legislation authorizing the unrestricted use by buses and other mass transit equipment of scenic parkways and park roads in the Washington Metropolitan Area. In our opinion, such use could only destroy the primary purpose for which these roads were constructed -- to provide a system of scenic highways uniting the areas of the National Capital.

For this reason, the Commission of Fine Arts is strongly opposed to passage of H.R. 734.

The Bureau of the Budget has advised that it has no objection to the submission of this report from the standpoint of the Administration's program.

For the Commission of Fine Arts:

Sincerely yours,

William Walton

William Walton
Chairman

Honorable Emanuel Celler
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

EXHIBIT G

89TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. J. RES. 70

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 26, 1965

Mr. SALTONSTALL (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts) introduced the following joint resolution; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration

JOINT RESOLUTION

Providing for the erection of a memorial statue to the late Doctor Robert H. Goddard, the father of American rocketry.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the National Aeronautics and Space Administration shall erect in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts an appropriate memorial to the late Doctor Robert H. Goddard, former professor of physics at Clark University in Worcester, Massachusetts, and the father of American rocketry.

The memorial shall comprise an appropriate bronze statue of the inventor and his early rocket, in a park setting, and may be in the vicinity of his first launchings in central Massachusetts or adjacent to a science facility in Massachu-

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setts carrying on the type of aeronautical research in which the late Doctor Goddard was engaged throughout his life. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration shall request the advice and comment of the Commission of Fine Arts with respect to the design and setting of the statue.

The memorial shall give appropriate recognition to the two Goddard patents of 1914 which were basic to the future of rocketry; to the world's first liquid-fuel rocket flight from a farmyard in Auburn, Massachusetts, on March 16, 1926; and to other pioneering efforts advancing his country's achievements in rocketry and supersonic flight.

SEC. 2. There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this joint resolution.

9 July 1965

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am writing in response to your request for the views of the Commission of Fine Arts on S.J. Res. 70, 89th Congress, a joint resolution "Providing for the erection of a memorial statue to the late Doctor Robert H. Goddard, the father of American rocketry."

The Commission of Fine Arts has no particular comment as to the general purpose of S.J. Res. 70.

If such a memorial is to be erected, this Commission would be glad to review the design and setting of the statue.

The Bureau of the Budget has advised that it has no objection to the submission of this report from the standpoint of the program of the Administration.

For the Commission of Fine Arts:

Sincerely yours,

William Walton
Chairman

Honorable B. Everett Jordan
Chairman
Committee on Rules and Administration
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

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89TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1927

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 10, 1965

MR. BARTLETT introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to preserve as an area of historic interest certain structures and lands comprising the Washington Navy Yard.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) for the purpose of preserving as an area of historical interest (1) the structures (including piers), lands, and waters comprising the Washington Navy Yard in the District of Columbia, which are under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Defense, and (2) such structures and lands within the Washington Navy Yard, which have been declared excess property, as may be designated by the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of the Interior, following

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a determination by the Secretary of Defense that the structures, lands, and waters referred to in clause (1) are no longer needed for national defense purposes, shall protect, preserve, maintain, and develop such structures, lands, and waters (together with any structures and lands designated pursuant to clause (2)) in the manner hereinafter provided.

(b) The protection, preservation, maintenance, and development referred to in subsection (a) shall be undertaken consistent with a comprehensive plan to be prepared and carried out by the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense, the Chairmen of the National Capital Planning Commission and the Commission of Fine Arts, and the advisory committee created by the Secretary of the Interior pursuant to section 2 of this Act. Such plan shall include, among others, provisions providing for the development of the lands and waters referred to in subsection (a) as an area for exhibiting and displaying vessels and weapons.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Interior shall create an advisory committee to consist of a representative from the Department of the Navy, the United States Marine Corps, and the National Park Service. It shall be the duty of such committee to advise the Secretary of the Interior in carrying out his duties under this Act. Meetings of the committee shall be held at the request of the Secretary. The members

of the committee shall receive no compensation for their services as members, but shall be entitled to reimbursement for such necessary travel and other expenses in connection with their attendance at committee meetings as may be authorized or approved by the Secretary of the Interior.

SEC. 3. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

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INTERIOR DEPARTMENT BUILDING
WASHINGTON

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am writing in reply to your request for the views of the Commission of Fine Arts on S. 1927, 89th Congress, a bill "To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to preserve as an area of historic interest certain structures and lands comprising the Washington Navy Yard."

The Commission of Fine Arts is generally in favor of the purposes of S. 1927.

We hope that any planning for the historic preservation of the Washington Navy Yard will take into consideration the eventual development of the area to the west of that site which is now under the control of the General Services Administration.

The Bureau of the Budget has advised that it has no objection to the submission of this report from the standpoint of the Administration's program.

For the Commission of Fine Arts:

Sincerely yours,

William Walton

William Walton
Chairman

Honorable Richard B. Russell
Chairman
Committee on Armed Services
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

89TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. J. RES. 496

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 3, 1965

Mrs. BOLTON introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

JOINT RESOLUTION

Extending for one year the existing authority for the erection in the District of Columbia of a memorial to Mary McLeod Bethune.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, effective June 1, 1965, the last sentence of the joint resolution entitled "Joint resolution authorizing the erection in the District of Columbia of a memorial to Mary McLeod Bethune", approved June 1, 1960 (74 Stat. 154), is amended by striking out "within five years" and inserting in lieu thereof "within six years".

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21 June 1965

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am writing in reply to your request for the views of the Commission of Fine Arts on H.J. Res. 496, 89th Congress, a joint resolution "Extending for one year the existing authority for the erection in the District of Columbia of a memorial to Mary McLeod Bethune."

The Commission of Fine Arts recommends passage of H.J. Res. 496.

The Bureau of the Budget has advised that it has no objection to the submission of this report from the standpoint of the Administration's program.

For the Commission of Fine Arts:

Sincerely yours,

William Walton
Chairman

Honorable Omar Burleson
Chairman
Committee on House Administration
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN ON SHIPSTEAD-LUCE ACT APPLICATIONS 6/22 & 23/65

NO SL 65-	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT
135	2500 Va. Ave., NW Watergate Development	Build covered walkway on sidewalk 6' wide along west side of Va. Ave.
ACTION: App'd., provided there is no advertising material of signs visible from public space, 5/25/65.		
136	704-17th St., NW Hannah O. Clock	Office building.
ACTION: App'd. Request subm. of face brick on west elevation for review, 6/9/65.		
137	1446 New York Ave., NW Wash. Bldg.	Replace glass & ornamental panels with panels containing louvers for mechanical ventilation.
ACTION: App'd., provided that grills and frames match adjoining bronze panels, 6/22/65.		
138	1434 Shepherd St., NW Mrs. Glascoe	1-story addn.
ACTION: App'd., 6/14/65.		
139	3800-14th St., NW Columbia Realty Trust	Apt. bldg. & material samples.
ACTION: Design app'd. using brick sample Stone Creek shade No. 370, 6/21/65.		
140	2311 Calvert St., NW Olga Mazza (Commercial)	Orange & white canvas awning, 2nd fl. front. No fixed iron frames or posts.
ACTION: Disap'd. Recom. substitution of roll-type awning for shed-type. Omit valance & sign on bottom of awning, 6/22/65.		
143	4600 Broad Branch Rd., NW Mr & Mrs. Gerald Kapiloff	Swimming pool.
ACTION: App'd., 6/22/65.		

APPENDIX 1

REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN ON OLD GEORGETOWN ACT APPLICATIONS 6/22 & 23/65

NO OG 65-	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT
310	3069 Canal St., NW Howard Cayton	Resubm. of light fixture at front door.
ACTION:	No objection, 6/21/65.	
311 thru 320	3008 R St., NW thru 3026 R St., NW Phoenix Partnership	Remove exist. rear wood porches.
ACTION:	No objection, 6/17/65.	
321 thru 324	3038 R St., NW thru 3044 R St., NW Phoenix Partnership	Remove exist. rear wood porches.
ACTION:	No objection, 6/17/65.	
325	3011 Dent Pl., NW Carl R. Kohler	Install 1 light fixture-prescolite #5902, 10" diam. glass.
ACTION:	Recom'd., 6/15/65.	
326	1344-30th St., NW Burke Wilkinson	Erect brass screen atop exist. 7' wall.
ACTION:	Ret'd. Not visible from public space, 6/17/65.	
327	1210 Wisc. Ave., NW W. T. Weaver & Sons, Inc.	1 sign. 15.9 sq-ft. Lts. will be painted on wood over window frieze. Black, gold trim.
ACTION:	No objection, 6/17/65.	

APPENDIX 2

REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN ON OLD GEORGETOWN ACT APPLICATIONS

JUN 23 1965

NO OG 65-	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT
287	1826 Wisc. Ave., NW J. Snyder, Jr.	Convert dwell. to store & 1 apt. Veneer Wisc. Ave. facade with L. C. Smith's handmade brick "Savannah."
ACTION: Ret'd. for add'l. inf. incl. indication of material above doorway & large-scale detailed section thru molding at bottom & top of showwindow, 6/11/65.		
288	1654-29th St., NW Edward T. Woody	Install doorway in front cellar wall. Erect retaining walls.
ACTION: Recom'd. for parts visible from public highway, 6/11/65.		
289	1308-28th St., NW Munir P. Benjenk	Replace front door with 6-panel door; open up window on side of house under exist. arch.
ACTION: Recom'd. for scheme with circular arch as shown on drawing, or with ellyptical arch to match adjoining entranceway at 1310-28th St., NW, 6/1/65.		
290	1517-30th St., NW Mrs Alexander B. LeGare	New iron stairs over area (access) to garden.
ACTION: No obj., 6/4/65.		
291	3207 M St., NW Crown Supply Co.	Revise subm. dtd. 4/14/65 according to notes on encl'd. drawings
ACTION: Recom'd., 6/4/65.		
292	1681-31st St., NW Mr & Mrs Chas. Taquey	Chg. rear roof line (add parapet wall & add 4 French doors to exist. 3rd-fl. rear wall. Replace previously app'd. addn. held in abeyance by BZA.
ACTION: Recom'd., 6/4/65.		

NO OG 65-	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT
293	3017 N St., NW Michael Straight	Install new front windows, stair & rear & doors.
ACTION:	Recom'd., 6/4/65.	
294	3207 M St., NW Jas. West & Lyon Baer	Provide brick piers & steel supports for air cond. unit on lower rear roof.
ACTION:	Recom'd., provided that brick parapet wall be raised to screen unit from public view. Unit to be painted neutral color, 6/11/65.	
295	3350 M St., NW Jacks Cafe, Inc.	Air cond. unit on slab on grade in rear of bldg. Sapling fence to conceal.
ACTION:	No obj., 6/4/65.	
296	3130 M St., NW John Snyder, Jr.	New store front.
ACTION:	No obj. to design per se. Ret'd. for add'l. inf. incl. large-scale detailed section thru cornice of showwindow & clear photos. of exist. conditions, 6/11/65.	
297	1576 Wisc. Ave., NW Texaco, Inc.	Sand blast & paint exterior of exist. service station. Similar to exist. paint & color.
ACTION:	No obj., 6/4/65.	
298	1401 Wisc. Ave., NW Peoples Drug Store #9	Erect covered walkway 6' wide on Wisc. Ave. side. Erect rail type barricade 6' from face of curb on "O" St. in sidewalk.
ACTION:	Recom'd. for gray color, 6/4/65.	

NO OG 65-	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT
299	3215 Scott Pl., NW Geo. E. Via, Jr.	Brick addn. to residence. Foyer, powder rm. & living rm. on 1st fl. 2 bedrms., bath on 2nd.
ACTION: Recom'd. for parts visible from public highway, 6/4/65.		
300	2813 M St., NW Garber, Inc.	5 air conditioners to be installed on roof in rear of bldg.
ACTION: Recom'd. provided that suitable enclosures are erected around individual units so that they are screened from public view. Request subm. of drawing showing design of installation, 6/11/65.		
301	1518-31st St., NW S. A. Edwards	6' split sapling fence.
ACTION: Recom'd., 6/11/65.		
303	1812 Wisc. Ave., NW A. L. Hutton	Install air cond'r. in masonry wall with necessary duct work to connect to exist. duct.
ACTION: Recom'd., provided that unit be relocated around corner to east wall. Unit to be painted to match brick, 6/11/65.		
304	2233 Wisc. Ave., NW Weaver Bros.	1 d-f, 10 sq-ft sign, tempo.
ACTION: No action. Ret'd. by request of Chief, Permit Branch, not under CFA jurisdiction, 6/2/65.		

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II. ADMINISTRATION

1. Date of Next Meeting:

Executive Session: 14 September 1965, 10:15 a.m.
Open Session: 15 September 1965, 9:30 a.m.

2. Approval of Minutes of May 1965 Meeting

3. Poster displays in public space, policy for review.

III. REVIEWS-SUBMISSIONS

1. Department of the Army

Fort Myer, North Post - Revised Master Plan Design

2. General Services Administration, Public Buildings Service

a. Aquarium, Informal review of preliminary plans

b. National Institutes of Health, Refrigeration Building - Revised site location and design

c. National Academy of Science - Addition of New Wing

3. Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Commission

Route Markers for Buses, Proposed design for demonstration areas

4. District of Columbia Government

a. Department of Highways and Traffic

(1) Signs for Traffic Division

(2) Southeast Freeway, Interchange C - Revised Design

(3) Ninth Street Expressway - Revised Lighting Design

(4) Connecticut Avenue Bridge, Renovation of Lions

b. Department of Buildings and Grounds

National Zoological Park, Animal Hospital & Service Area, preliminary design

c. Department of Licenses and Inspections

Shipstead-Luce Act

(1) 420 3rd St., N.W., Proposed Apartment Building - Revised Design

(2) Bell Telephone Company Exchange, Sq. 641, E St. & South Capitol St., S.W.

(3) Watergate Development, Stage 3

(4) Appendix 1

Old Georgetown Act

(1) Georgetown University Hospital
(2) 1075 Thos.Jefferson St., N.W. - Motel
(3) Appendix 2

IV. INTERVIEWS

3:00 1. Department of the Army

Fort Myer, North Post - Revised Master Plan Design

3:30 2. District of Columbia Government, Department of Highways and Traffic

Study of Signs and Street Furniture for Traffic Division

4:00 3. National Capital Transportation Agency

Introduction of Mr. Walter McCarter, Director, National Capital Transportation Agency - Discussion of Design Policy

V. LEGISLATION

1. Draft Legislation - To authorize the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to lease air space above and below freeway rights-of-way within the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

2. H.R.734-1/4/65-Mr.Broyhill-89thC-To amend the joint resolution of September 15, 1960, with respect to the use of certain park roads, highways, and vehicular facilities by those carriers of passengers by motor vehicles which are certificated by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Comm.

3. S.J.Res. 70-4/26/65-Mr.Saltonstall-89thC

   Providing for the erection of a Memorial Statue to the late Dr. Robert H. Goddard, the father of American rocketry.

4. S. 1927-5/10/65-Mr.Bartlett-89thC

   To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to preserve as an area of historic interest certain structures and lands comprising the Washington Navy Yard.

5. H.J.Res. 496-6/3/65-Mrs. Bolton-89thC

   Extending for one year the existing authority for the erection in the District of Columbia of a memorial to Mary McLeod Bethune.